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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ZIMMEL ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN
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Title: RUGGEDIZED FIBER OPTIC CONNECTION

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notice To File Missing Parts mailed December 3, 2003, said period of response being extended from February 3, 2004 to March 3, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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